

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A connector comprising:

a conductive contacting portion having a contact point formed at its one end to be brought into contact with a mating object in a first direction at a predetermined position;

a spring portion supporting the contacting portion so that the contact point is elastically movable in the first direction and a second direction perpendicular to the first direction; and

displacement maintaining means for maintaining the contact point in a specific condition such that the contact point is offset from the predetermined position in the second direction;

said displacement maintaining means releasing the specific condition when the contacting portion is moved in a direction opposite to the first direction.

2. The connector according to claim 1, further comprising an arm portion connected between the contacting portion and the spring portion,

the displacement maintaining means having a locking portion for locking the arm portion in the first direction.

3. The connector according to claim 2, further comprising an insulator receiving the spring portion, the locking portion being formed on the insulator.

4. The connector according to claim 1, wherein:

the contacting portion is inclined in a direction intersecting with the first direction at an acute angle when the specific condition is maintained,

the contacting portion is substantially kept in another direction parallel to the first direction under restoring force of the spring portion in the second direction when the specific condition is released.

5. The connector according to claim 1, wherein the spring portion meanders in a plane extending in the first and the second directions and

6. The connector according to claim 1, wherein the spring portion is electroconductive and is electrically connected to the contacting portion.

7. The connector according to claim 1, further comprising an insulator defining a receiving portion accommodating the spring portion,

the insulator having a slit formed at one end in the first direction to extend in the second direction,

the contacting portion having a part inserted into the slit.